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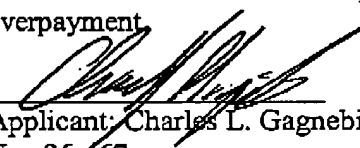
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Entitled: A NIB AND METHODS OF TREATING AN ELONGATE ELEMENT DESIGNED TO  
 FORM SUCH A NIB

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

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